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DEATH OF GEORGE IGNATIEFF

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, today expressed his sadness at the death of Mr. George Ignatieff, an eminent Canadian who served with excellence and distinction in the Canadian Foreign Service.

Mr. Clark has written to the family of Mr. Ignatieff to express his condolences on behalf of the Department of External Affairs.

Mr. Ignatieff, who retired in 1972, joined the Department of External Affairs in 1940 and held a number of positions within the Canadian Foreign Service, including Ambassador to Yugoslavia, Assistant Under Secretary of State for External Affairs, Canadian Permanent Representative to NATO, Ambassador to the United Nations, New York and Canadian Ambassador to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva.

Mr. Clark stated "Mr. Ignatieff epitomized the very best traditions of the Canadian Foreign Service. His career spanned three decades during which Canada's stature in world affairs grew significantly largely due to the dedication of Canadians such as he. As a scholar, humanitarian and public servant, his passing is a tremendous loss not only to his friends and former colleagues but to all Canadians."

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